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SUBJECT: CALL BY CYPRUS AMBASSADOR ON UNDER SECRETARY HABIB

1. CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY HABIB APRIL 19 TO PRESENT GOC CONCERN REGARDING ADMINISTRATION'S PENDING DECISIONS RELATING TO SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY. DIMITRIOU SAID GOC HAD HEARD ADMINISTRATION WAS PREPARED TO ENDORSE TURKISH DCA AND WOULD REQUEST DOLS 175 MILLION FMS CREDITS FOR FY 1978. HE ALSO UNDER-
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STOOD ADMINISTRATION WOULD SEEK LIMITED ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY FOR FMS CASH SALES TO TURKEY TO COVER ONGOING F-4 PURCHASES. REFERRING TO WHAT HE CHARACTERIZED AS COMPLETE TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE AT VIENNA CYPRUS TALKS, AMBASSADOR SAID GOC WAS WORRIED THAT ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT FOR MILITARY AID TO TURKEY WOULD SHOW TURKS THAT "NO MATTER HOW THEY ACT, THEY CAN STILL GET AID."

2. HABIB CONFIRMED THAT COUNSELOR NIMETZ IN TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES APRIL 21 WILL OUTLINE ADMINISTRATION POSITION ALONG LINES INDICATED BY DIMITRIOU. HABIB NOTED THAT OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON TURKEY INCLUDING REQUIREMENT FOR EXPLICIT PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION WOULD REMAIN IN EFFECT. HABIB EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE ADMINISTRATION WOULD ENDORSE TURKISH DCA, WE DID NOT INTEND TO PUSH

FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL AT THIS TIME.

3. HABIB MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS APPROACH, IN OUR JUDGMENT, REPRESENTED BALANCED, EVEN-HANDED COURSE; ADMINISTRATION WAS NOT SEEKING FULL RESTORATION OF FORMER US-TURKEY SECURITY RELATIONSHIP. TURKS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT WE FELT WAS REQUIRED FOR FURTHER NORMALIZATION OF OUR DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP. HABIB SAID THIS APPROACH WAS ESSENTIALLY AS RECOMMENDED BY CLARK CLIFFORD.

4. THANKING HABIB FOR FRANK EXPOSITION, DIMITRIOU NEXT TURNED TO RESULTS OF VIENNA TALKS. HE CHARACTERIZED TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL AS "JUST EYEWASH", AND REFERRED TO UNHELPFUL DENKTASH PUBLIC STATEMENTS SINCE CONCLUSION OF TALKS. HABIB SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR U.S. TO MAINTAIN BALANCED POSITION SO AS TO BE EFFECTIVE WITH BOTH PARTIES. MAIN THING NEEDED NOW WAS CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO DISCUSS, NOT SIMPLY REJECT, IDEAS OF OTHER SIDE. WE BELIEVED FURTHER CLARIFICATION AND SOME PROBING OF POSITIONS COULD TAKE PLACE AT MAY CONFIDENTIAL

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MEETINGS IN NICOSIA.

5. COUNSELOR NIMETZ WILL BRIEF GREEK AMBASSADOR AND TURKISH CHARGE APRIL 20 ON HIS APRIL 21 TESTIMONY (TEXT WILL BE SENT APRIL 20).
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